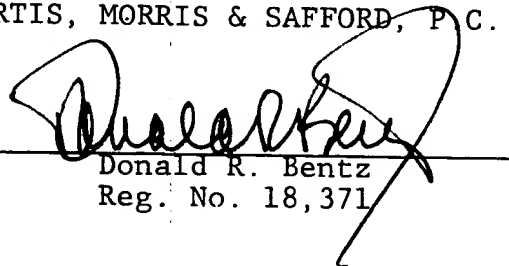


As is evident from the formula of the compounds with which this application is concerned, as given on page 1, line 5 of the published application, the bicyclic ring system of the prior art compounds incorporates a benzene ring fused to a heterocyclic ring in turn connected by means of a nitrogen atom in the heterocyclic group to a -CO-NH group connected in turn to benzene sulfonyl urea by an alkyl chain. Thus, although the prior art compounds are ureidoalkyl benzene sulfonyl ureas, as are the compounds of the present invention, nevertheless the presence of the aromatic benzene ring in the fused structure distinguishes the compounds from those according to the present invention, which latter may include bicyclic ring systems but wherein all the rings are saturated. Since the striking differences between unsaturated resonating aromatic systems and the corresponding saturated non-resonating cycloaliphatic systems are well known in the art, it is urged that the compounds in this published application do not teach or suggest the compounds of the present invention, with which they are neither analogous nor homologous.

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